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1. THE EC COMMISSION DIVISION CHIEF RESPONSIBLE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS (LEON SMULIAN) TOLD US ON APRIL 11 THAT THE CONFERENCE EUROPEENNE DES ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES ET DES TELECOMMUNICATION (CEPT) WHICH GROUPS 26 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AT ITS BI-ANNUAL PLENARY CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE AT TORREMOLINOS, SPAIN, IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS WHICH WILL TOTALLY RESTRUCTURE THAT ORGANIZATION. IF ADOPTED, THESE RESOLUTIONS WOULD HAVE THE CEPT TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE EUROPE-WIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT, THE HARMONIZATION OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS, AND TYPE APPROVAL. SMULIAN COMPARED A RESTRUCTURED CEPT TO THE US FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

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2. DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED USG OFFICIALS MAY OBTAIN MORE

INFORMATION ON EC TELECOMMUNICATION AND CEPT DEVELOPMENTS FROM SMULIAN WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. HE WILL BE ATTENDING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS MEETING BEGINNING ON APRIL 16 AT AIRLIE HOUSE AND COULD MEET WITH US OFFICIALS ON APRIL 22-24. SMULIAN MAY BE REACHED THROUGH THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON.

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